

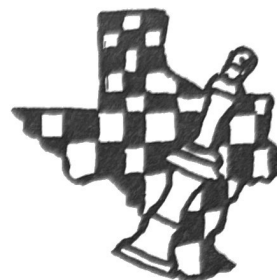
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THE TWILIGHT ZONE OF "TEXAS KNIGHTS".

The continuing story thereof.

Rumors have it, that "Texas Knights" will rise again soon. That is good.

However, these are just rumors and not much else to substantiate it. That is bad.

In the next T.C.A. meeting, to be held here in Waco, prior to the S.M.I. International-Southwestern Open, we hope to hear detailed proposals from several delegations, concerning the revival and reorganization of the Texas Chess Association.

This would include a whole new set of new and active officers, capable of sustaining a promotion effort throughout the State, which among other things would have to bring about the re-appearance of its publication, presently produced by the Rip Van Winkle organization it seems like.

I understand, that the Houston delegation has ideas on the subject and would be willing to undertake the venture again.

In this respect, I must say this, they did an excellent job several years ago until R. Brieger started to fill the pages with grievances, feuds and vendettas of a more personal than chess nature.

It is not possible to please all chessplayers at the same time nor is chess an activity from which a living can be derived, as most of us are simply not good enough. Chess must be played "par force" for its own sake, at least here in Texas.

At any rate, Houston is the largest city in the State and has a great number of "aficionados", outstanding players, sponsors etc. a great potential to do an excellent job.

I feel that in order to get the T.C.A. back on its feet, its officers should all live in the same city.

Here in Waco, home of the S.M.I.-Southwestern Open and with its central location, we have many advantages of doing a good job.

There are a great number of chess players in San Antonio etc. What can you do to help?

The Austin delegation surely has something to offer to help out.

As a matter of fact, all chess circles can help out with news and tournament reports and contributions to Texas Knights.

Dallas has had its chance, but the home of the 2 Texas Masters keeps its talents pretty well to itself. For a whole year, we have not heard a word from Mr. J.T. Campion or any other officer of the T.C.A.

However, it does not do us any good to gripe about the past. Chess is picking up all over the State and so let us get together in Waco and get organized.

TOURNAMENTS IN PROGRESS:

At this time, there are 2 tournaments underway one in Fort Worth, the Summer Open and the traditional Brazosport Open.

Scheduling of tournaments is an important task of the T.C.A. and no 2 tournaments should have the same date, as it takes away from both of them.

The people who sponsor and organize these tournaments naturally hope for a big turnout which is diminished by a similar tournament some place else at the same time.

Nevertheless, I do hope that participants will be evenly distributed and that both tournaments will be exciting and give the organizers a great deal of satisfaction.

All of those who work hard in getting a tournament off the ground, deserve the biggest trophy of the tournament. It is not easy to take care of all the details involved and keep everybody happy. So, you all be praised for your efforts and wish you the best of luck.

THE S.M.I. INTERNATIONAL & SOUTHWESTERN
OPEN CHESS CONGRESS.
Waco, 1970.

We are getting ready for THE BIG ONE, right here on this stage of the brandnew CAMELOT INN, next Labor Day weekend.

I feel confident that I am speaking for all chess-players in saying right here and now that we are truly and greatly indebted to Success Motivation Institute, (S.M.I.), its President, Mr. Paul Meyer and the Director of their International Division, Dr. J. Clemente Vivanco. Their interest in chess, invaluable support and unheard of generosity have made it possible to have this great tournament again this year.

Sponsorship like S.M.I.'s can only be found in Europe. This year's I.B.M. sponsored tournament in Holland lists 200 players, 11 Grandmasters, including names like Spasski, Gligoric, Hort, Polugavevsky, Ciric etc.

Let us all make this second tournament an even bigger success than the first one in every respect and show the sponsors our appreciation by participating in it.

Many players from all over the State have assured me that they will come and I am holding them to their word.

Those of you who were in Waco last year, will remember that we had 115 players then and even though a turnout is difficult to predict, I am confident that we will have at least that many but we are getting ready for quite a few more.

This makes it a regular chess congress, everybody will be there to play or to watch or both.

Waco is centrally located, easily accessible, accommodations of all price ranges are plentiful and there are many good places to eat in style or to grab a bite right around the corner.

Remember, to top it off, your chances of winning a nice cash prize are really not too far out and furthermore, if you have not participated in THE BIG ONE, you have missed the main event.

YOU ALL COME !!!

GET A LOAD OF THIS, ALL YOUR AMBITIOUS
A-B-C-D-Unrated PLAYERS !!

It is our secret ambition to, at least once in a lifetime, really SOCK IT TO A MASTER, or GRANDMASTER for that matter. We just know that someday we shall cause shock and surprise in the chess ranks, scoring the impossible upset of the tournament.

Grandmaster Robert Fisher, considered the IT of our chess world and with thousands of good reasons, recently defeated all the Russian Kingpins in tournaments held in Yugoslavia.

However, here comes the underdog in the form of Yugoslav Master KOVACEVIC (Kovace WHO ??) and here is what happened.

White: Fisher Black: Kovacevic
French Defense
Zagreb 1970.

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Ktc3 Bb4 4. a3 Bxc3
5. bc3 dxe4 6. Qg4 Kt-f6 7. Qxg7 Rg8 8. Qh6
Ktbd7 9. Kt-e2 b6 10. Bg5 Qe7 11. Qh4 Bb7
12. Ktg3 h6 13. Bd2 O-O-O 14. Be2 Ktf8
15. O-O Ktg6 16. Qxh6 Rh8 17. Qg5 Rd-g8
18. f3 e3 19. Bxe3 Ktf8 20. Qb5 Ktd5
21. Kf2 a6 22. Qd3 Rxb2 23. Rh1 Qh4 24. Rxb2
Qxh2 25. Ktf1 Rxb2 ch. 26. Ke1 Qh4 ch.
27. Kd2 Ktg6 28. Re1 Ktgf4 29. Bxf4 Ktxf4
30. Qe3 Rf2

and white resigned. The threat Ktxe2 wins a piece.

Thus, all A.B.C.D. players, be sure and KEEP THE FAITH. Someday it will happen to you and you will harvest the glory of your sensational triumph.

To illustrate how much this win meant to our man in Yugoslavia, please be informed that Fisher won a "rapid transit" tournament there scoring 19 out of a possible 22, my calculator says that is better than 86% but what 86% if you consider that he won BOTH GAMES from opponents such as Tal, Petrosian, Matulovic, Smyslov, Ivkov and Uhlmann.

Those who managed $\frac{1}{2}$ point against Fisher, in other words, lost only $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ were Bronstein, Hort & Reshevsky.

Only Korchnoi kept things in balance 1-1.

To add insult to injury, Fisher only used HALF of his time and did not spend more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ minute per game.....

SIGNING OFF:

I do hope that next month "Texas Knights" will reappear and this "stopgap" publication will be superseded.

Let us all get acquainted or re-acquainted here in Waco and discuss together what we need and expect from the Texas Chess Association.

SEE YOU THERE.....